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## Today's News - June 15, 2005

Study reports hot housing boom is not a boon for affordable housing. -- Toronto's new think-tank "jumping into the battle for a new deal for cities." -- Conservatives have (or should have) a place at the table with New Urbanists. -- A "gentrification reality tour." -- A little "branding" can go a long way for a town. -- U.K.'s Design Museum Designer of the Year award exposes a "kudos-hungry design bureaucracy." -- Solar power from painted-on plastic in our future? -- Olympics or not, NYC joins the stadium craze - and should take lessons from Atlanta. -- Bellevue Arts Museum finally gets it right (except for getting the original architect's name right). -- Manhattan's elevated High Line chugs forward. -- Is Warsaw's Palace of Culture and Science an architectural treasure or a symbol of communist oppression? -- Korea's Samsung Museum of Art is an artful blending of three starchitects. -- Is Chicago's "civic psyche" ready for what would be the world's largest mausoleum?

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[Conservatives at the Congress for the New Urbanism: ...why conservatives might like New Urbanism, and why New Urbanists should like conservatism. By Ken Masugi -- Philip Bess, CNU executive director John Norquist, and NU founder, architect Andres Duany](#) - The Claremont Institute

[Gentrification Reality Tour: Neither Benign nor Benevolent: Claims that the threat of gentrification are grossly exaggerated belie a fundamental misunderstanding of the real threat, the real victims, and the real consequences of inner-city redevelopment. By Charles Shaw](#)- PLANetizen

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[Bureaucrat of the Year: Hilary Cottam won Designer of the Year for her work on Kingsdale School in south London, even though she didn't design it. The subsequent dispute over credit for the project shows up all the weaknesses of today's kudos-hungry design bureaucracy.](#) -- de Rijke, Marsh and Morgan (dRMM)- Spiked (UK)

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